

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 925

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rachel Patterson, 2006
Salutatorian of Ridgeway High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Patterson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2006 graduating class at Ridgeway High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Patterson has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Rachel Patterson has earned an exemplary 5.133 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades; she was named to the Principal's Honor Roll and is a College Bound Advanced Placement Scholar with Honors, was twice honored as "Most Intellectual" in *Who's Who*, was selected as a finalist for Coordinator of Public Health Symposium at the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, and received the William H. Sweet Award, a Builder Award of Academic Achievement in Honors Humanities and Honors Spanish III, a Verbal Award in Future of the United Nations Security Council at the University of Virginia National United Nations Conference, and a State-Level Achievement Award in Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Rachel is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Drama Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, Model United Nations, Bridge Builders, National Society of High School Scholars, National Honor Society, Facing History, Teen Republicans, Quill and Scroll, and Science Olympiad; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among her peers, she has served with distinction as Secretary and Co-President of Students Against Drunk Driving and MIT Secretary of Bnai' Brith Youth Organization; and

WHEREAS, an active member of Chabad Lubavitch Synagogue, Ms. Patterson has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and she volunteers her time and considerable talents to worthy causes, including the Committee for Israel Advocacy, Temple Israel, MIFA, Memphis Jewish Federation, St. Mary Soup Kitchen, Mr. Pickler's Project, and the Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; and

WHEREAS, Rachel's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college, where she plans to pursue studies in History and Pre-Medicine with an eye toward eventually becoming a physician; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, David and Gerri Patterson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Patterson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Rachel Patterson, 2006 Ridgeway High School Salutatorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.